

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

In no way can such a program be considered to serve the public interest, something Sinclair is obligated to do by law, in exchange for its broadcast license. However, Sinclair Broadcasting controls 62 television stations across the country and is using its sizeable control to forward its own political agenda. Moreover, they plan to offer this program as "news," thereby circumventing the "equal time" rule for candidates.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

For this reason, I am registering this complaint and would ask that my comments be held in your files and be considered as an objection to renewing Sinclair Broadcasting's licenses. Thank you.